THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): Under the Foeign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976 political parties are not permitted to receive foreign contribution.

Extending of IRDP loans by UBI officials posted at Raniganj branch of West Dinajpur in West Bengal

2967. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government aware that the bank officials of the United Bank of India, Raniganj branch in the district of West Dinajpur, West Bengal are discriminating in the matter of extending IRDP loans on the basis of political affiliation;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what action is being taken against such officials who are responsible therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c). Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that it has not received any complaint against bank officials of United Bank of India, Ranigunj Branch in West Bengal regarding discrimination in the matter of extending IRDP loans on the basis of political affiliation. However, complaints against banks including those relating to nonfinancing under IRDP, as and when received, are taken up with the concerned banks for appropriate action. Corrective measures are taken by banks in respect of complaints, with a view to redress the grievances.

Evasion of customs duty by Bharat Krishak Samaj

2968. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to order an enquiry into the alleged evasion of customs duties and violation of foreign exchange regulations by Bharat Krishak Samaj; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a)and (b). Available reports do not indicate evasion of customs duty or violation of foreign exchange regulations by Bharat Krishak Samaj.

Convictions of persons arrested in Drug Smuggling

2969. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the percentage of acquittal and convictions of persons arrested in the drug smuggling cases in the four metropolitan cities of Delhi, Bombay, Calcutta and Madras during 1988-89 and 1989-90 till date;

(b) what are the reasons for low percentage of convictions in smuggling cases; and

(c) what measures have been taken tc remove the shortcomings in the investigation process to secure maximum convictions in drug smuggling cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN TE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN TE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJI PANJA): (a) to (c). No separate dat in respect of convictions and acquitta in drug smuggling cases for the four me tropolitan cities is maintained. While system of quick reporting on seizure, a rest, etc., in the prescribed format h devised, reports from all enforceme agencies are not received. In the circu stances, information in respect of conv